

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this Application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

A Notice of Allowance was issued on April 6, 2004 and Claims 4-6 and 10-17 stand allowed in the present Application. A Petition to Withdraw from Issue and a Request for Continued Examination are concurrently filed herewith. The foregoing amendments to the specification and FIG. 8 relate to typographical errors only. No new matter has been added.

In view of the foregoing, favorable consideration of this Amendment is felt to be in order and the same is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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